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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Ralph Mason

Army Member, COMIREX

SUBJECT:

Chairmanship of the COMIREX/IPS/Image Processing Working Group

- 1. The Image Processing Working Group (IPWG), which was originally established as a sub-element of the Mensuration Standards Group of the COMIREX Imagery Planning Subcommittee (IPS), is being reconstituted as a working group of the IPS and will henceforth report directly to the Chairman, IPS. I have attached a statement of the new IPWG mission and functions.
- 2. This change in the IPWG role was made in recognition of the growing use, by both national and departmental imagery intelligence organizations, of digital image processing capabilities as a primary analytical resource during first, second, and third phase imagery exploitation. As the Community's dependence on digital image processing grows, it is incumbent upon the COMIREX to provide a means for affected organizations to easily exchange information relating to softcopy imagery exploitation methodologies, applications, hardware, and software. The IPWG will provide a Community forum for the exchange and dissemination of such information.
- 3. With your concurrence and that of his Commanding Officer; I would like to have the present IPWG Chairman, Mr. Robert Vasquez of the US Army Foreign Science and Technology Center (FSTC), continue to preside over the IPWG. In this capacity he will be responsible to the Chairman, IPS for planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing IPWG activities.
- 4. I believe the IPWG will have a significant role to play in the imagery exploitation community and I look forward to your early and favorable response to this proposed additional duty for Mr. Vasquez.

Chairman

Attachment As Stated

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